

Spring 2022 – Curriculum news

January 2022

Happy new year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to another busy term at Abbots Green. We will start our term with a history focus on significant individuals, specifically learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In science, we will be learning all about animals including humans, their life cycles and how to stay healthy.

After half term, we will be using our science knowledge of food groups and a balanced diet to design, make and evaluate a healthy meal. In computing we will be developing our understanding of algorithms, how these can be programmed and how they can be developed to become more efficient. PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus heavily on dreams and goals. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. Art modules this term will focus on printmaking skills.



Reading

Children will have class reading sessions every day, focusing on a class text. We will change reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We also have a subscription to Oxford Owl which is a virtual library that can be accessed from home. Login details can be found on Showbie. Please listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and record this in your child's reading log.



English

Children will be exploring and recapping different genres with a superhero theme. We will learn how to write a personal recount and develop our understanding on how to write an informal letter. After half term we will write our own Aesop tales and character descriptions.



Rainbow Challenges

Research 5 interesting facts about Florence Nightingale or Mary Seacole (real life superheroes)

Design and make a healthy meal for your family

Create a leaflet about how to stay healthy

Investigate the life cycle of different animals and record what you find

Make a superhero cape

Research animals with super powers – what will you discover?

Write a book review about a superhero book you have read.



Mathematics

Children will explore division, building on their knowledge of multiplication to help them understand the inverse. Please continue to practise the 2x, 5x, 10x and 3x tables at home. We will also look at shape, understanding the difference between 2D and 3D shapes and learning about their properties. We will then move onto learning about fractions, using their understanding of division to highlight the importance of equal groups.



PE

PE will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child arrives at school **in their correct PE kit on these days**. A warm tracksuit will be needed for outdoor PE, shorts for indoor PE, long hair must be tied up and earrings need to be removed for safety reasons.

Year 2 staff

Miss O'Grady
India class teacher

Miss Paterson
Italy class teacher

Miss Boast
Learning Support Assistant

Miss Lemon
Student teacher

Recommended read



What if by Samantha Berger

This book is a heartfelt affirmation of art, imagination, and the resilience of the human spirit.



Home learning

Your child will be given 1 word task and 1 maths or English task per week to complete on Showbie. This is related to learning in the classroom. It will be set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday.

Children will have a new set of spellings to learn every week related to the spelling rule being taught in class; these will be accessible on Showbie. These will be tested each Friday.